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# COBOURG LADIES' ACADEMY.

LOCATION.—This Institution is situated on Academy Street, in a pleasant and retired part of the Town of Cobourg. The Town is easy of access from every part of the country; all the steam-boats on Lake Ontario, plying between Toronto and Kingston, and Rochester, call at Cobourg. The Proprietors of the boats have always taken Pupils for half the usual fare, which, at present rates, would be only 5s. from Toronto or Kingston. Boats leave Hamilton at 7 o'clock in the morning, and arrive in Cobourg at 8 in the evening.

SUPERINTENDENCE.—Besides the immediate superintendence of the Preceptress and her Assistants, the Committee in turn visit the Academy, at least once in four weeks, and attend the examinations for the purpose of ascertaining the proficiency of the Pupils. A Teacher is also placed over each department, thus keeping the classes as distinct as is practicable, at the same time securing a more strict superintendence over the morals and deportment of the Pupils.

DEPARTMENTS.—The Institution is divided into four Departments, exclusive of the classes composed of those Students from each Department, who are pursuing the French, Spanish, Italian and German languages, and the Ornamental branches.

In the First Department, the Rudiments of Education are commenced. The Studies are, Reading, Spelling, Writing, Geography, Arithmetic and Grammar.

In the Second Department, the studies of the first are reviewed. Arithmetic and Grammar completed. General History, Analysis of Derivative Words, Progressive Compositions, Trimmer's Natural History, Bakewell's Natural Philosophy. In these two Departments, two half days in the week are devoted to Plain and Ornamental Needle-work.

In the Third Department, the studies of the Second are reviewed. Composition, History of England, Watts on the Mind, Jamieson's Rhetoric, Goodrich's Ecclesiastical History, Geology, Astronomy, Keith on the Globes, with the use of the Globes, Natural Philosophy and Chemistry, Physiology, Critical Reading of the English Poets and Classics.

In the Fourth, or Highest Department, the Studies of the Third are continued as Exercises. Botany, Paley's Natural Theology and Evidences of Christianity, Butler's Analogy, Abercrombie's Intellectual and Moral Philosophy, Smellie's Philosophy of Natural

History, Elements of Criticism, History of Literature. If required, Book-keeping, Algebra, and Geometry. Composition in the journal and letter form, or in written Essays, are required through the entire course. The Students of the several Departments are exercised in Orthography, Reading, Parsing, and Writing.

Testimonials or Diplomas.—As the course of instruction is designed to embrace all the various branches of a complete system of Female Education, those who shall have passed through the course with credit, shall receive testimonials bearing the signatures of the Committee and the Preceptress, with the seal of the Institution affixed.

At the close of the year, in May, the Pupils of the Second and Third Departments also receive Testimonials, signed by the Committee and Preceptress. At the close of each Session, the junior Pupils receive tickets for good deportment, signed by the Preceptress.

Teachers.—The most competent and experienced Teachers are engaged to give instruction in Instrumental and Vocal Music, Drawing and Painting in Water Colours, Oil Painting, Miniature Painting, &c., French, Spanish, Italian, and German. These branches will be left to the choice of the Pupils. Mrs. H. will converse in French with those studying that language.

Lectures, Library, &c.—Lectures will be given to the classes in Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, and Biblical History.

The Library connected with the Academy, contains 500 or 600 choice Volumes, embracing Histories, Voyages, Biographies, and also works on the various subjects of Study pursued in the Institution; select English and French Poets, &c. &c.

The Institution is furnished with Terrestrial and Celestial Globes, Telescopes, and various kinds of Astronomical and Philosophical Apparatus. Maps and Charts.

The Academy is now furnished with three Pianos. The Berlin patterns are the best in the country, having been obtained directly from Germany, and cost from £30 to £40.

A Normal Class will be formed at any time for the benefit of those desirous of qualifying themselves for Teachers.

The Institution is designed to be useful and practical; and from the experience of many years, and from the proficiency of the great number of Young Ladies who have attended the Academy, it is believed that such have been the results.

The flourishing condition of the School, as shown by the number of Pupils having increased every year from the commencement, has induced Mrs. Hurlburt to incur heavy expenses in providing additional facilities for acquiring an education.

Play-Grounds.—Large and pleasant Play-Grounds are connected with the Academy, which furnish the most delightful retreat for Young Ladies, and afford every opportunity for retirement and recreation.

The regulations of the Academy are such as will most effectually

guard the morals and habits of the Pupils. None are allowed either to make or receive calls, without the special permission of the Preceptress.

Terms and Vacations.—The Summer Term commences on the second Thursday in June, preceded by a vacation of five weeks. The Winter Term on the third Thursday in October, preceded by a vacation of three weeks. In each Department, the Teacher being confined to a limited number of Studies, the system of instruction must be more thorough than in any schools in which the attention of the Teacher is necessarily directed to a wider range of subjects. The Teachers have received their education in the highest Ladies' Academies, and all have had experience in teaching. Many Pupils have entered the different Departments with the design of completing the entire course of Studies taught in the Academy. Such an Academy, exclusively devoted to the instruction of Young Ladies, and embracing a wider range of subjects than is usually included in their education, has long been required. Particular attention is directed to the outlines of the course of Study as published above, embracing the most useful and interesting subjects. Mrs. H. devotes her attention exclusively to the Young Ladies under her care. The Committee visit the Academy once a month, and give it their general supervision. The *Terms*, it will also be observed, are very moderate,—requiring only £6 15s. per Term, for Board, with the highest Tuition, in the solid Branches, and less for the common Branches.

Young Ladies who may have finished their Studies in private Schools, would find it highly beneficial to attend one or two Terms. We are happy to receive visitors on all occasions to examine the School.

## TERMS.

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| Common English, per Term of eleven weeks, | £1 | 0 | 0 |
| Higher English, including all the other solid Branches, | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| French, and the other Modern Languages, Oil Painting, Ernette Painting, Wax Work, and Vocal Music, each | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Drawing and Painting in Water-colours, | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Music, and use of Piano, | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Guitar, | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Embroidery, | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Mezzo-tinting, | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Board, including Room, Washing, Fuel, and Candles, | 5 | 10 | 0 |

Reasonable deductions are made where all or several of the Ornamental Branches are studied.

When pupils remain the entire year, only £33 are charged for Board and Tuition in all the above Branches, Oil Painting excepted.

Every Young Lady will furnish her own bed, bedding, and towels.

If parents prefer it, the bed can be furnished by the Academy, for which an additional charge of 7s. 6d. per Term will be made.

Five Shillings per Term will be charged during the winter, for the additional expense of cutting and carrying wood.

No deductions are made for absence, except in sickness.

*Board and Tuition paid at the commencement of each Term.*

Mrs. Hurlburt's long and well-established reputation as Teacher and Preceptress, during the period of her connection with the *U. C. Academy*, and previously, renders it unnecessary for the Committee to say any thing relative to her qualifications for her present undertaking. They consider the advantages which the Young Ladies attending her School possess, in being members of her family, where their habits can be formed under her immediate supervision, when connected with the Studies already alluded to, as reasons for believing, that, in her Academy, facilities and privileges for forming the female character as it should be, are enjoyed, superior to those generally found in public Institutions.

Pupils attend the Church which their parents or guardians direct.

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# COBOURG LADIES' ACADEMY.

The Annual Examination of the Pupils in Mrs. Hurlburt's Academy, was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 6th and 7th instant. The exercises were most highly creditable to the Pupils and Instructors, and interesting and satisfactory to the Committee, and to the intelligent and highly respectable Visitors. The Classes sustained a protracted and thorough examination in some of the most difficult and useful branches of Education. The subjects upon which the Pupils were examined were various, in all of which they had manifestly received faithful and efficient Instruction. The Committee were happy to observe that more than usual attention has been bestowed upon the more useful and practical parts of Education. The Classes in Arithmetic proved their thorough acquaintance with those portions of the subject which they had studied, by the facility with which they demonstrated and explained the difficult problems which were proposed to them. One Class, which had completed the Arithmetic, solved, in the presence of the Visitors, many intricate questions from various parts of the work, illustrative of the principles of the science. The two Classes in English Grammar, and the two on Parsing, in Pope's Essay on Man, and in Milton's Paradise Lost, gave equal satisfaction. There were also Classes in Ancient Geography, Ancient History, Modern Geography, Modern History, Natural History, Ecclesiastical History, Paley's Evidences of Christianity, Butler's Analogy of Natural and Revealed

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Religion, Abercrombie's Intellectual and Moral Philosophy, and two Classes in French. The Report of the Committee would be too much extended should they dwell upon these studies in detail. It will be sufficient to remark, that the examination was satisfactory to the Committee and to the Visitors.

The Original Compositions elicited the repeated applause and high commendation of the intelligent company, and were sufficient proof of efficient instruction in this important part of Education.

The Committee, having heard with much satisfaction the very thorough examination which Miss Adams sustained in Paley's Evidences of Christianity, Butler's Analogy, and Abercrombie's Intellectual and Moral Philosophy, and at previous examinations having been made acquainted with her thorough knowledge of the other subjects embraced in the course of studies in this Academy, have much pleasure in conferring upon her the Diploma—the highest honour of the Institution—as a testimonial of their high esteem, and as a just reward of her many accomplishments and her amiable deportment.

The spacious hall was adorned with specimens of paintings of a beautiful finish, both in oil and water colours, which elicited the high commendations of competent judges in that art. Therewere sixteen large oil paintings, and several busts executed in a superior style. The Berlin work was admirable, and evinced much industry on the part of the Pupils. The performances on the Piano Forte were numerous and highly creditable. The pieces of music were of the most difficult nature, requiring a thorough knowledge of the science, and much experience in the execution. It is due to those young ladies who have been three years under Mrs. Hurlburt's instruction, to state that the gracefulness and skill exhibited in this department of science, richly entitled them to that meed of praise which was so unsparingly bestowed upon them.

This is the second year in which the Committee have been called upon, from their official relations to the Academy, to confer its highest honours upon the young ladies who had completed the extensive course of studies pursued in the Institution; and they feel well assured that the young ladies have been deservedly entitled to the distinction, and that they will adorn the society in which they may move by their many accomplishments and virtues.

Such an Institution, with studies so judiciously selected, and so efficiently taught, for the formation of the female character, has been long required in our country. The subjects of study embrace the most useful of the solid and ornamental branches, and are taught by those long experienced in superintending the education of young ladies. The extensive patronage which Mrs. Hurlburt's Academy has obtained from the influential and intelligent portions of society, is the best proof of the estimation in which it is held.

The Committee would also observe, that as important as the education of the mind may be considered, they regard as infinitely more valuable the moral and religious instruction of youth; and are happy to bear their testimony to the care with which the pupils of this Academy are instructed in their religious duties.

The Committee would most cheerfully and earnestly recommend to the continued patronage of an enlightened community, an Academy for the education of young ladies possessing so many facilities, so excellent and spacious accommodations, and conducted on the principles of Christianity with so much experience and prudence.

In behalf of the Committee,

H. RUTTAN,
A. MacNAB.

*Cobourg, May 26th*, 1845.

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After the Examination, Henry Ruttan, Esq., Sheriff of the Newcastle District, spoke in the most complimentary manner of the excellent system of Education established in the Academy, and of the efficient and judicious manner

in which that system was carried out. Having read the Testimonial which was to be presented to the young Lady who had completed the prescribed course of Studies, the Sheriff remarked: "As a member of the Committee, it affords me much pleasure to affix my signature to that Diploma, given as a testimonial of the diligence and success of the young Lady in her studies. It must be a source of gratification to parents to have these proofs of the proficiency of their children, at the same time that it presents the strongest inducements to diligence on the part of the pupils. From my long acquaintance with Mr. and Mrs. Hurlburt, I am confident that any recommendation which they may give to their pupils, could be implicitly relied on. I have had more or less knowledge of the various Ladies' Schools in the country, and can safely say that I have known none combining more excellencies, and affording more facilities for the acquisition of knowledge, than this Academy, and none to which parents can more safely commit their daughters. The Studies are judiciously selected, and so arranged as gradually to develope the minds of the pupil. The first elements of Education, which are indeed the practical and important branches, are made the most prominent. The morals of the pupils are strictly guarded, and their instruction carefully attended to.

"The preceptress has had so much experience and success in superintending the Education of young Ladies, that parents must feel a pleasure in entrusting their children to her care. Her Teachers are also those of experience in teaching. We ought indeed, to feel thankful to any persons who are willing to take the pains necessarily connected with such an Establishment. Most sincerely do I congratulate those young Ladies who have the facilities afforded in this Academy for the acquisition of an Education pre-eminently calculated to strengthen the mind, to store it with various knowledge, to refine the heart, and to adorn and ennoble the human character."

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*Books* and *Stationery* may be obtained in Cobourg. For more particular inquiries, reference is made to the following Gentlemen:—

D. Thompson, M.P.P., Indiana; Rev. W. Clarke, —— Morrell, Esq., London; James Davis, Esq., York; R. Hamilton, Esq., John Stinson, Esq., Dr. Kellogg, Dr. Case, —— Freeman, Esq., H. Clarke, Esq., Hamilton; A. Cook, Esq., Mount Pleasant; Lewis Church, Esq., Thomas Gibbs, Esq., Oshawa; Thos. Morgan, Esq. Stewart Wilson, Esq. Picton; Rev. J. C. Davidson, Bytown; Jas Hall, Esq., Peterboro'; P. Robinson, Esq., Port Hope; A. Davidson, Esq., Niagara; W. Warren, Esq., Darlington; Charles Biggar, Esq., Carrying Place; John P. Roblin, Esq., Picton; Billa Flint, Esq., Belleville; J. Counter, Esq., Mr. S. W. Brady, Kingston; W. Matthie, Esq., Wm. Buell, Esq., Mr. Luther Houghton, Brockville; Alfred Hooker, Esq., W. Patrick, Esq., W. D. Dickinson, Esq., Prescott; G. Brouse, Esq., Jacob Brouse, Esq., Matilda; W. Clegg, Esq., J. Burrows, Esq., Bytown; J. Gilchrist, Esq., Otonabee; G. Boulter, Esq., Sophiasburgh; Rev. Henry Esson, Toronto; Wm. Lunn, Esq., Montreal; J. Knowlson, Esq., Cavan; Mr. R. Solmes, Northport; Samuel Crane, Esq., D. Thornburn, Esq., I. W. Powell, Esq., J. H. Price, Esq., M.'s P.P.; Dr. Austin, Picton; Sheriff Conger, Peterboro'; Rev. J. Beatty, Rev. T. Alexander, Sheriff Ruttan, A. Jeffrey, Esq., Professor Kingston, Cobourg.

Circulars may also be obtained from the Ministers of the W. M. Church.

# PUPILS.

| NAMES. | RESIDENCE. |
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| *Completed the Course.* | |
| Miss Emiline Sisson, | Toronto. |
| " Mary E. Adams, | Acton. ..... 2. |
| *Fourth Department.* | |
| Miss Margaret Hurlburt, | Picton..... 1. |
| *Third Department.* | |
| Miss Eliza R. Adams, | Reesorville. |
| " Agusta M. Adams, | Acton. |
| " Mary E. Biggar, | Murray. |
| " Emily S. Borrie, | Montreal. |
| " Sarah Crawford, | Toronto T. |
| " Mahala Carpenter, | Cobourg. |
| " Catherine Dean, | Hamilton T. |
| " Azubah Hagar, | Thorold. |
| " Ann E. Hubbard, | Montpelier, Vt. |
| " Mary J. Knowlson, | Cavan. |
| " Julia A. Wright, | Brighton..... 11. |
| *Second Department.* | |
| Miss Mary A. Allison, | Sidney. |
| " Hannah Arkland, | Oshawa. |
| " Eliza M. Biggar, | Murray. |
| " Mary Blackstock, | Peterboro'. |
| " Elizabeth Brooke, | Cobourg. |
| " Ann Biggar, | do |
| " Helen Clark, | do |
| " Emily Church, | Oshawa. |
| " Louisa Carpenter, | Cobourg. |
| " Eliza J. Case, | York. |
| " Almira Dean, | Hamilton T. |
| " Mary Gibbs, | Oshawa. |
| " Sarah Gibbs, | do |
| " Mary Gilpin, | Seymour. |
| " Hannah M. Griffin, | Prescott. |
| " Agusta C. Hamilton, | Hamilton. |
| " Elizabeth Hunter, | Darlington. |
| " Adelia Hunter, | do |
| " Sarah M Hull, | Hamilton T. |
| " Mary J. Helms, | Cobourg. |
| " Alice Hudspeth, | do |
| " Jane R. Hancock, | do |
| " Eliza M. Jones, | Picton. |

| NAMES. | RESIDENCE. |
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| " Matilda MacNab, | Cobourg. |
| " Mary J. MacNab, | do. |
| " Phebe Morgan, | Picton. |
| " Louisa More, | Hamilton T. |
| " Harriet Purdy, | Bath. |
| " Ellen Russell, | Trent. |
| " Ann Rogers, | Haldimand. |
| " Elizabeth Renwick, | Clarke. |
| " Mary Sheridan | Peterboro'. |
| " Euphemia Smith, | Smithfield. |
| " Eliza Thompson, | Monaghan. |
| " Jane Taylor, | Hamilton T. |
| " Electa A Wells, | Hamilton T. |
| " Elizabeth Wilson, | Picton. |
| " Emily Wilson, | do |
| " Mary P. Ward, | Smith's Falls. |
| " Jane Webster, | Cobourg. ....40. |

*First Department.*

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| Miss Ann Burke, | Hamilton T. |
| " Caroline Buck, | Cobourg. |
| " Elizabeth Battell, | do |
| " Isabella Battell, | do |
| " Julia Biggar, | do |
| " Jemima Burke, | do |
| " Mary A. Dean, | do |
| " Julianna Davis, | York. |
| " Elizabeth Eyre, | Cobourg. |
| " Adeline Eyre, | do |
| " Myra Field, | do |
| " Sarah Hoyt, | Haldimand. |
| " Elizabeth Haymes, | Belleville. |
| " Eliza Harris, | do |
| " Catherine Hull, | Hamilton T. |
| " Louisa Irish, | Haldimand. |
| " Mary Irish, | Cramahe. |
| " Mary J. E. Leonard, | Cobourg. |
| " Frances Massey, | Haldimand. |
| " Mary J. Orcutt, | Hamilton T. |
| " Agnes Pringle, | Cobourg. |
| " Helen Philp, | do. |
| " Julia Philp, | do. |
| " Hannah Perry, | do. |
| " Mary Robinson, | Hamilton T. |
| " Eliza J. Russell, | Cobourg. |
| " Martha Wilson, | do. |
| " Ann Webster, | do. .....28. |
| Total | .....82. |

## Visiting and Examining Committee.

HENRY RUTTAN, Esquire,
*Sheriff Newcastle District.*

Rev. THOMAS ALEXANDER, A. M.
Rev. ALEXANDER MACNAB, A. M.
Rev. J. HURLBURT, A. M.
WILLIAM KINGSTON, Esq., A. M.
Rev. J. SCOTT,
WILLIAM ORMISTON,
*Classical Tutor, Victoria College.*

## Teachers and Visitors.

Mrs. J. B. HURLBURT,
PRECEPTRESS,
*And Teacher of the Fourth Department, French, Music, and Ornamental Branches.*

Miss MARY E. ADAMS,
*Teacher of the Third Department, and Assistant in Drawing and Painting.*

Miss R. BOULTER,
*Teacher of the Second Department, and Embroidery.*

Miss E. BOULTER,
*Assistant in Instrumental Music.*

Rev. THOMAS ALEXANDER, A. M.,
*Lecturer in Ecclesiastical History and Evidences of Christianity.*

Rev. JOSEPH HARRIS,
*Lecturer in History and Philosophy.*

Rev. J. HURLBURT, A. M.,
*Lecturer in Chemistry and Natural Philosophy.*

These Lectures to be delivered in the Winter.

The Teachers of the other Departments take charge of the First.